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THE OSD REPRESENTATIVE SUGGESTS THAT RARA 5, FIRST SENTENCE, REFTEL BE REWORDED AS FOLLOWS: "FURTHERMORE, THE ABM TREATY PROHIBITS THE DEPLOYMENT OF AN EXTENSIVE ANTIBALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE, THUS REDUCING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR OFFENSIVE STRATEGIC MISSILE FORCE CAPACITY." HE POINTS OUT THAT THE FIRST CHANGE DELETES THE WORD "ASSURANCE", WHICH COULD IMPLY A DEGREE OF GUARANTEE BEYOND THAT PROVIDED BY THE ABM TREATY, AND THAT THE SECOND CHANGE ADDS THE WORD MISSILE". WHICH SPECIFIES MORE PRECISELY THE OFFENSE FORCE AFFECTED BY REDUCTION IN ABM DEFENSES. EXMT-3. ROGERS BT

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